



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg, Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and the FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Zachary Lilley, 21, of Abingdon, Maryland was sentenced for transporting child pornography. The Honorable Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Lilley to five years in prison. After his release from prison Lilley will begin a five year term of supervised release.

On March 16, 2010, Investigators with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office and the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force executed a search warrant at a Sarpy County apartment. Lilley was a guest at the apartment. Not only did officers locate child pornography on the desktop computer of the tenant they also located approximately 200 images of child pornography on Lilley's laptop computer.

The images on Lilley's computer included prepubescent children and bondage. He admitted to downloading the child pornography onto his computer and, after his discharge from the military, transporting the images from Texas to Nebraska. The tenant, Justin Thompson, was previously convicted of receiving child pornography and sentenced to five years of prison to be followed by a five year term of supervised release.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafchildhood.gov.

This matter was investigated by the Omaha FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force, of

which the Nebraska State Patrol (list lead investigating agency, or agencies, here), is a partner. The Omaha CCTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force consisting of eleven federal, state and local law enforcement agencies from Nebraska and Iowa. The mission of the Omaha CCTF is to investigate and apprehend high technology criminals and to protect our communities by preventing high technology crime and national security threats involving computers and computer networks. The Omaha CCTF was established on the premise that the capabilities of law enforcement agencies to investigate computer and high technology related crimes are enhanced in a task force setting involving the sharing of resources and expertise.

Name of Defendant: Zachary Lilley

AKA:

Age: 21

City of residence: Abingdon, Maryland

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Transportation of child pornography; 5-20 years imprisonment; \$250,000, 5 years-life supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Papillon, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Papillon, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On and before the 18th day of March, 2010

Federal Arrest Date: July 16, 2010

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: June 23, 2010

Initial Appearance Date: July 19, 2010

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plead guilty on October 7, 2010

Sentencing Date: January 24, 2011

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett III

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without Bond.

In Continuous Custody Since: October 25, 2010

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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